



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Elizabeth DiGregorio: FEMA Liaison for Citizen Corps

Elizabeth DiGregorio is the FEMA liaison to the White House for Citizen Corps. Citizen Corps is part of the President's initiative under the umbrella of USA Freedom Corps. Citizen Corps fosters a culture of service, citizenship and responsibility by bringing together volunteers and the first responders in a community to find ways to make a community safer, stronger and better prepared for all emergencies. Ms. DiGregorio is responsible for developing the national strategy for Citizen Corps and for overall coordination of the program's implementation.

Ms. DiGregorio was appointed chief of staff by FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh in July 2001. As chief of staff, she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency and for directing implementation of the priorities and policies of the agency's director. FEMA programs encompass disaster response and recovery, hazard mitigation, training, preparedness exercises, insurance and fire prevention. As chief of staff, Ms. DiGregorio oversaw the agency's internal operations, advised the director on the agency's crosscutting policies and procedures, and served as the focal point for implementing the director's initiatives.

Ms. DiGregorio joined FEMA in 1980 as a disaster assistance employee in the Denton, Texas, regional office. In 1982, she became a full-time employee working in disaster assistance and continuity of government programs. In 1988, she came to FEMA headquarters and served in a number of senior management positions. She directed the implementation of several national security programs, directed training initiatives for FEMA's training center, served as the director of regional operations where she had oversight of FEMA's 10 regional offices, and served as the executive officer for FEMA's response and recovery directorate, which is responsible for management of the nation's disasters.

Before joining FEMA, Ms. DiGregorio was executive director of the McKinley Area Council of Governments, in Gallup, NM.

A native of New Mexico, Ms. DiGregorio earned a bachelor of arts degree from Colorado College and a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Texas. She is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute and holds a training specialist certificate from Georgetown University.

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